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DEPORTATION CASES REVIEW

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In a trial of a politically divisive program, U.S. prosecutors in Denver and Baltimore are reviewing thousands of deportation cases to determine which illegal immigrants might stay in the country - perhaps indefinitely - so officials can reduce an overwhelming backlog by focusing mainly on detainees with criminal backgrounds or who are deemed threats to national security.

HUNTSMAN QUILTS

PABLO SANCHEZ / WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:07

Republican Jon Huntsman has dropped out of the GOP presidential race and has endorsed Mitt Romney. Huntsman said the former Massachusetts governor gives the Republican Party its best shot at defeating President Barack Obama in the November general election. After staking his candidacy on New Hampshire, Huntsman finished third in the primary there last week. He faced a likely defeat in South Carolina's primary on Saturday.

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PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AND MEDICINES

LUIS MEGID - WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 1:41

Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. (VRX-T51.820.861.69%) is sweetening its hostile bid for Irvine, Calif.,-based ISTA Pharmaceuticals Inc. Valeant's new offer raises its earlier bid by a

dollar to \$7.50 (U.S.) per share in an offer that values the company at around \$360-million plus debt. And the Mississauga, Ont.,-based pharmaceutical company says it might pay even more, up to \$8.50 a share, or \$407-million plus debt, if ISTA agrees to a week-long period of due diligence. "We do not understand why ISTA would not have already pursued discussions with us and provided due diligence access," Valeant chairman and chief executive Michael Pearson said in a statement. "Our proposal represents an attractive premium to ISTA's trading performance, and we believe it offers a compelling opportunity for shareholders in light of ISTA's ongoing operational challenges."

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01/18/2012

US WARNING FOR MEXICO TRAVEL

MARIA ANTONIETA COLLINS - BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

PKG: 2:20

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IMMIGRANT PEOPLE TAX CONTRIBUTION

JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 2:19

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IMMIGRATION DEPORTATION CASES REVIEW

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The Homeland Security Department is recommending canceling deportation proceedings for more than 1,600 illegal immigrants in Baltimore and Denver. The recommendations come after a review of cases pending in federal immigration court in those two cities. Officials from DHS and the Justice Department reviewed 11,682 cases as part of an Obama administration pledge to focus deportation efforts on criminal illegal immigrants and those who pose a national security or public safety threat. Of the 7,923 cases reviewed in Denver, officials recommended closing 1,301, according to figures shared. In Baltimore, 3,759 cases were reviewed and 366 were recommended for closure.

AMERICAN AIRLINES FALLS SHORT ON PENSION PAYMENTS

VO: 18

American Airlines' parent made only a small fraction of the roughly \$100 million payment it was scheduled to contribute to the company's employee pension plans, according to a federal agency. AMR Corp. instead contributed just \$6.5 million by the Jan. 15 deadline. The shortfall threatens to further undermine funding at pension funds that cover 130,000 American Airlines workers and retirees, a Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. spokesman said Thursday. "The company has determined this is the appropriate course of action," an AMR spokesman said. "This action allows the company to preserve cash." AMR filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in late November, saying it needed to cut costs to stay competitive. Since then, the company has warned that it may reduce its pension commitments to employees as part of the restructuring.

KODAK BANKRUPTCY

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Even in bankruptcy, Kodak boasts some enviable strengths: a golden brand, technology firepower that includes a rich collection of photo patents, and more than \$4 billion in annual sales of digital cameras, printers, and inks. But all that may not be enough to revive its declining fortunes in a Chapter 11 overhaul. Kodak is at a crossroads: It could go the way of fallen Montgomery Ward and Circuit City, two corporate names that never recovered from long declines. Or Kodak could prosper after bankruptcy like General Motors. Of the many restructuring experts interviewed by The Associated Press on Thursday, none are optimistic that Kodak can make a strong comeback.

Selling select business lines and patents and making the right bets on a limited number of new technology products could allow the Eastman Kodak Co. to survive, several experts said. But none see a path back to anything close to the glory days of the former photography titan.

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OBAMA DEPORTATION PLAN

LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:47

A review ordered by the Obama administration of virtually all 7,900 deportation cases before the immigration court here has identified about 1,300 foreigners - 16 percent - who pose no security risk and will be allowed to remain in the United States, although with no new legal status, immigration officials said Thursday. It was a fast-paced test run of the first comprehensive docket review in the nation's immigration courts. Department of Homeland Security officials plan to extend it in coming months to all of about 300,000 deportation cases before the courts nationwide.

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LOS ANGELES HOMELESS CHILDREN

JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG 1:50

55,000 children in Los Angeles County are homeless. Most of them hispanics. The numbers are increasing. Most of them live in poverty.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM FOR MEDICINE STUDENTS

LILIANA ESCALANTE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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MEDPEP is a program from UCLA that gave financial aid for students who wants to study medicine. Hispanics can apply.

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CALIFORNIA SECURE COMMUNITIES PROPOSAL

JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PKG: 1:51

A bill being drafted by a state legislator would limit local law enforcement from holding arrestees on behalf of immigration authorities seeking to deport them. Assemblyman Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco) said he is finalizing amendments to a bill that would be the first statewide measure to counter the Secure Communities enforcement program, which requires law enforcement agencies to forward to immigration authorities the fingerprints of all arrestees booked into local jails. If those authorities identify a candidate for deportation, they can issue a detainer, which asks the agency to hold them beyond the time when they would normally be released so immigration agents can take custody. The program has come under fire because many of those ensnared have never been convicted of crimes or are low-level offenders.

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NAPOLITANO IMMIGRATION

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Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano says the nation's immigration laws need an overhaul. In her second annual Address on the State of the Nation's Homeland Security, Napolitano said they're "sorely outdated and in need of revision." Asked by an audience member at the National Press Club what she sees as most in need of change, Napolitano said she couldn't narrow it down. But she specifically criticized Congress for failing to pass the so-called DREAM Act last year.

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